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SUBJECT: NPG- RESCHEDULING OF 18TH MINISTERIAL MEETING

REFS: A. STATE 275845 DTG 210058Z NOV 75 (NOTAL)

B. USNATO 6382 DTG 211835Z NOV 75 (NOTAL)

C. USNATO 6403 DTG 241407Z NOV 75 (NOTAL)

D. USNATO 6417 DTG 241745Z NOV 75 (NOTAL)

1. DATES FOR FALL 1975 NPG MEETING WERE PRINCIPAL TOPIC OF  
PERMREP LUNCHEON DISCUSSION NOVEMBER 25, WHERE CONSENSUS EMERGED,  
SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION, AMONG OUR NPG ALLIES THAT MEETING SHOULD  
BE HELD IN WASHINGTON IN THE PERIOD JANUARY 8-10.

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2. PERMREP LUNCH DISCUSSION, WHICH WAS CULMINATION OF  
INTENSIVE CORRIDOR WORK BY US DELEGATION IN SUPPORT OF DECEMBER  
4-5 OR DECEMBER 10 DATES FAVORED BY SECRETARY RUMSFELD,  
REFLECTED GENERAL OPPOSITION TO DATES OF DECEMBER 4-5

DECEMBER 10 OR DECEMBER 13, WHICH HAD BEEN PROPOSED BY LUNS. MOREOVER, IT WAS CLEAR FROM COMMENTS OF PERMRPS THAT ALLIES WERE PREPARED TO GO TO SOME LENGTHS TO ASSURE THE PARTICIPATION OF SECRETARY RUMSFELD. EVEN IF HE WERE AVAILABLE ONLY FOR ONE DAY, THAT WOULD BE BETTER IN ALLIED VIEW THAN A MEETING IN WHICH HE WERE REPRESENTED BY A SURROGATE.

3. IN BRIEF DISCUSSION OF POSSIBILITY OF DEFERRING MEETING UNTIL FEBRUARY, OR LATER, MOST FAVORED HOLDING THE MEETING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. MOREOVER IT WAS GENERALLY AGREED THAT THE MEETING MUST TAKE PLACE NO LATER THAN JANUARY TO AVOID INTERFERING WITH THE ROTATION ARRANGEMENTS.

4. COMMENT: GIVEN US ISOLATION IN FAVORING A DECEMBER DATE FOR THE NPG MINISTERIAL MEETING, AND THE DRAWBACKS OF FURTHER RESISTANCE TO CLEAR ALLIED PREFERENCE FOR A MEETING IN JANUARY, WHICH WE BELIEVE ALL ALLIES WILL SUPPORT, WE FACE A SITUATION IN WHICH THE ALLIES HAVE PLACED THE BALL SQUARELY BACK IN OUR COURT. TO AVOID FURTHER AROUSING ALLIED CONCERNS ABOUT US INTENTIONS WITH REGARD TO THE NPG, WE BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD PROVIDE TO THE ALLIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE US VIEWS ON THEIR PREFERENCE FOR A WASHINGTON MEETING IN EARLY JANUARY. BRUCE

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